Library Movement

4152. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have formulated a comprehensive scheme for a massive library movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) In 1972, the Central Government set up the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta with the primary objective of giving an impetus to the public library movement. The foundation has been striving to take the library movement to small towns and villages and to provide reading facilities for all sections of people, through its various assistance schemes for the States/Union Territories and also for voluntary organisations in the field of libraries. Separately, the National Literacy Mission envisages the establishment of Jana Shikshan Nilayams to institutionalise post literacy and continuing education for the neo-literates emerging out of the basic literacy programme. Libraries and reading rooms with appropriate literature forms an important feature of the programme.

Statue of Buddha

4153. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the worlds biggest monolithic statue of Buddha is lying in Hussain Sagar Lake for the last two years; and

(b) if so, what efforts Government have made to retrieve the statue and install it at the proposed site

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The statue of Buddha proposed to be installed in the Hussain Sagar Lake by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is still lying under water. The State Government are making efforts to retrieve it and instal it at the proposed site.

I.I.T. and I.I.M. in the country

4154. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1539 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the estimated hike in fee and other charges to be paid by students of I.I.Ts. and I.I.Ms. in the coming year; and

(b) whether a fresh survey is proposed to be undertaken to assess the expenditure on I.I.T. and I.I.M. students per annum, the fees and other charges paid by the students, and income from other sources?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) As per the decision of the IIT Council the uniform hike in tuition fee and other charges in IITs per annum for new entrants with effect from 1992-93 is as under:—

	Tuition Fee		Other charges	
	Existing Rs.	Revised Rs.	Existing Rs.	Revised Rs.
Undergraduate	200	1000	157	900
Postgraduate	300	1500	217	1025
Ph. D.	300	2000	217	1025